

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 9 and 35 as shown below.

1 to 8. (Cancelled)

~~9.~~ (Currently Amended) A liquid phase growth process comprising the steps of:

immersing a substrate plurality of substrates in a melt held in a crucible, a crystal material having been dissolved in the melt; and

growing a crystal on ~~the substrate~~ a surface of each of the plurality of substrates,

wherein the crucible is rotated independently from the substrate plurality of substrates during crystal growth,

wherein each of the substrate plurality of substrates is disposed at a position set aside from the center of rotation of the crucible, and the crystal is grown on the surface of each of the substrate plurality of substrates thus disposed,

wherein no part of the substrate plurality of substrates is disposed at the center of rotation of the crucible, and

wherein the ~~substrate comprises at least a group of~~ plurality of substrates extends outwardly in a common radial direction from ~~arranged at stated intervals, in a direction which falls at a right angle with~~ the axis of the center of rotation of the crucible, such that each ~~respective substrate in the group of the~~ plurality of substrates is set upright.

10 to 34. (Cancelled)

~ 35. (Currently Amended) A substrate member production method comprising the steps of:

immersing a substrate plurality of substrates in a melt held in a crucible, a crystal material having been dissolved in the melt; and

growing a crystal on ~~the substrate~~ a surface of each of the plurality of substrates,

wherein the crucible is rotated independently from the substrate plurality of substrates during crystal growth,

wherein each of the substrate plurality of substrates is disposed at a position set aside from the center of rotation of the crucible, and the crystal is grown on the surface of each of the substrate plurality of substrates thus disposed,

wherein no part of the substrate plurality of substrates is disposed at the center of rotation of the crucible, and

wherein the ~~substrate comprises at least a group of~~ plurality of substrates extends outwardly in a common radial direction from ~~arranged at stated intervals, in a~~ direction which falls at a right angle with the axis of the center of rotation of the crucible, such that each ~~respective substrate in the group~~ of the plurality of substrates is set upright.

36 to 52. (Cancelled)